

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of displaying the results of a search, comprising:  
receiving one or more search queries;  
searching stored data based on the one or more search queries to generate results, wherein the results are orderable by at least one search characteristic; and  
providing a document that includes a multi-dimensional graph of the results of the search, wherein at least one dimension of the multi-dimensional graph corresponds to the at least one search characteristic.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the results of the searching are sorted by relevance.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more search queries are inferred from actions taken by a user other than entering one or more explicit search queries.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein the actions taken by a user comprises the user's past browsing activity.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more search queries are selected from a list of multiple search queries.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein a representation of each of the results on the multi-dimensional graph occupies substantially more than a point.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein each of the results is represented on the multi-dimensional graph as at least one of an icon, text, or an image.
8. The method of claim 2, wherein a second dimension of the multi-dimensional graph comprises relevance.
9. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one search characteristic comprises one of recency, price, dates, image quality, image size and distance.
10. The method of claim 1, wherein the multi-dimensional graph comprises a two-dimensional graph.
11. The method of claim 1, wherein a scaling of an axis corresponding to the at least one dimension is non-linear.
12. The method of claim 11, wherein at least a portion of the axis corresponding to the at least one dimension comprises a logarithmic scale.
13. The method of claim 2, wherein none of the dimensions of the multi-dimensional graph corresponds to relevance.

14. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
receiving user input to selectively alter a resolution of a dimension of the multi-dimensional graph.
15. The method of claim 1, wherein each of the results has a visual representation on the multi-dimensional graph and wherein a size associated with each of the representations is varied based on a relevance associated with each of the results.
16. The method of claim 1, wherein a fixed number of results are displayed on each page of the document.
17. The method of claim 2, wherein each of the results has a visual representation of the multi-dimensional graph and wherein respective visual representations may visually overlap one another.
18. The method of claim 17, wherein the respective visual representations may visually overlap one another based on relevance.
19. A system for graphing search results in multiple dimensions, comprising:  
a server to:  
receive one or more search queries,  
search stored data based on the one or more search queries to generate results,  
wherein the results are orderable by at least one search characteristic, and

provide a document that includes a multi-dimensional graph of the results of the search, wherein at least one dimension of the multi-dimensional plot corresponds to the at least one search characteristic and wherein each of the results is represented on the multi-dimensional graph as at least one of an icon, text, or an image.

20. A method of plotting results of a data search, comprising:  
executing one or more search queries to search stored data;  
receiving results of the executed one or more search queries, wherein the results are orderable by at least one search characteristic;  
designating a visual representation for each of the results; and  
plotting each of the visual representations on a multi-dimensional graphical display, wherein at least one dimension of the multi-dimensional graphical display corresponds to the at least one search characteristic.
21. The method of claim 20, wherein the results of the one or more executed search queries are sorted by relevance.
22. The method of claim 20, wherein the one or more search queries are received from a remote user.
23. The method of claim 20, wherein the one or more search queries are inferred from actions taken by a user other than entering one or more explicit search queries.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein the actions taken by a user comprise the user's past browsing activity.
25. The method of claim 20, wherein the one or more search queries are selected from a list of multiple search queries.
26. The method of claim 20, wherein each of the visual representations occupies substantially more than a point on the multi-dimensional graphical display.
27. The method of claim 20, wherein each of the visual representations comprises at least one of an icon, text, or an image.
28. The method of claim 21, wherein a second dimension of the multi-dimensional graphical display comprises relevance.
29. The method of claim 20, wherein the at least one search characteristic comprises one of recency, price, dates, image quality, image size and distance.
30. The method of claim 20, wherein the multi-dimensional graphical display comprises a two-dimensional graph.
31. The method of claim 20, wherein a scaling of an axis corresponding to the at least one dimension varies is non-linear.

32. The method of claim 30, wherein at least a portion of the axis corresponding to the at least one dimension comprises a logarithmic scale.

33. The method of claim 21, wherein none of the dimensions of the multi-dimensional graphical display corresponds to relevance.

34. The method of claim 20, further comprising:  
receiving user input to selectively alter a resolution of a dimension of the multi-dimensional graphical display.

35. The method of claim 20, wherein a size associated with each of the visual representations is varied based on a relevance associated with a respective result.

36. The method of claim 20, wherein the graphical display spans multiple pages and wherein a fixed number of results are displayed on each page of the multiple pages.

37. The method of claim 21, wherein respective visual representations may visually overlap one another.

38. The method of claim 37, wherein the respective visual representations may visually overlap one another based on relevance.

39. A server, comprising:

a communication interface to receive data related to one or more search queries; and

a processing unit to:

execute the one or more search queries to search stored data,

receive results of the executed one or more search queries, wherein the results are

orderable by at least one search characteristic, and

plot visual representations corresponding to each of the results on a multi-

dimensional graphical display, wherein at least one dimension of the multi-dimensional

graphical display corresponds to the at least one search characteristic.

40. A graphical user interface for graphically displaying results of an executed data search, comprising:

a first activation area on the graphical user interface that displays graphical indicators associated with each of the results of the executed data search, wherein each of the graphical indicators, upon user selection, causes the display of additional data associated with the selected graphical indicator, and

wherein the first activation area plots the graphical indicators with respect to a multi-dimensional graph.

41. The graphical user interface of claim 40, wherein the executed data search locates data corresponding to at least one search characteristic.

42. The graphical user interface of claim 41, wherein the multi-dimensional graph comprises multiple axes and wherein each search characteristic of the at least one search characteristic corresponds to an axis of the multiple axes.
43. A system for plotting results of a data search, comprising:  
means for executing one or more search queries to search stored data;  
means for receiving results of the executed one or more search queries, wherein the results are orderable by at least one search characteristic; and  
means for plotting each of the received results on a multi-dimensional graph, wherein at least one dimension of the multi-dimensional graph corresponds to the at least one search characteristic.
44. A method of generating an output corresponding to results of a search, comprising:  
receiving one or more search queries;  
searching stored data based on the one or more search queries to generate results, wherein the results are orderable by at least one search characteristic; and  
generating an output, corresponding to the results of the search, that includes multiple dimensions, wherein each dimension of the output corresponds to a respective one of the at least one search characteristic.
45. The method of claim 44, wherein the results of the searching are sorted by relevance.



46. The method of claim 44, wherein the one or more search queries are inferred from actions taken by a user other than entering one or more explicit search queries.
47. The method of claim 46, wherein the actions taken by a user comprises the user's past browsing activity.
48. The method of claim 44, wherein the one or more search queries are selected from a list of multiple search queries.
49. The method of claim 45, wherein one dimension of the multiple dimensions comprises relevance.
50. The method of claim 44, wherein the at least one search characteristic comprises one of recency, price, dates, image quality, image size and distance.
51. The method of claim 44, wherein the multiple dimensions comprises two dimensions.
52. The method of claim 45, wherein none of the multiple dimensions of the output corresponds to relevance.
53. A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling at least one processor to perform a method of generating an output corresponding to results of a search, the method comprising:

receiving one or more search queries;

searching stored data based on the one or more search queries to generate results, wherein the results are orderable by at least one search characteristic; and

generating output data that corresponds to the results of the search, wherein the output data comprises multi-dimensional data and wherein each dimension of the multi-dimensional data corresponds to a respective one of the at least one search characteristic.